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FOLLOWING IS REPEAT BEIRUT 3028, SENT SECSTATE APR 7, 1976:

QUOTE S E C R E T BEIRUT 3028

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FOR SECRETARY FROM BROWN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LE, PINT

SUBJECT: FRENCH IN IT AGAIN

1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR TOLD ME THAT FRENCH EMISSARY COMING TOMORROW, FOR WHAT PURPOSE HE IS NOT SURE. COUVE DE MURVILLE REFUSED MISSION; AMBASSADOR EXPECTS IT WILL BE DE LA GORCE. WE AGREED TO KEEP IN TOUCH SO WE DON'T MUTUALLY FOUL THINGS UP.

2. I ASSUME FRENCH HAVE TOLD YOU OF THIS. I WOULD HOPE YOU WILL GET THE POINT ACROSS TO THEM THAT DESPITE
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THE BEST OF INTENTIONS THEY MIGHT HAVE, THE ARRIVAL OF

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THE FRENCH MISSION IS GOING TO BE A DIVISIVE INFLUENCE
HERE AND WE WILL PROBABLY SEE CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF THE
LEBANESE BODY POLITIC TRYING TO PLAY ME OFF AGAINST
DE LA GORCE. BROWN UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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